MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether any appointment made in that Department is in the proportion of communal representation.

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: No appointment in the Transport Department has any bearing on communal representation.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Were these people recruited after any efficiency test?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No. May I explain for the benefit of the honourable member that when the Department was started, a few of the staff were taken from other Departments. The privileges in their original Departments are retained in the Transport Department.

Non-Travancoreans employed in the State Transport Department.

146. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the names, designation, qualifications and pay of non-Travancoreans, other than the Director of State Transport, employed in the State Transport Department on 1-9-1120?

MR. E. G. SALTER:

1.	N. Ramamurti, Superintendent of Road Transport.	B. Sc., Grad. T. A. E.	Rs. 500
2.	M. Sundaram, Engineer Assistant. (He has now left this service).	Bevin Training.	Rs. 200

Stock verification in the State Transport Department.

147. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether stock verification was undertaken by Government in the State Transport Department; if so, when and

(*b*) whether they would place on the table the report of the officer who conducted the stock verification?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) No; but stock verification by the departmental staff takes place annually.

(*b*) Does not arise.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government consider the advisability of having a verification done by outside Departmental agencies?

MR. E. G. SALTER: May I explain that the Transport Department is a commercial Department, and the accounts of the Department are prepared on a commercial basis and a profit and loss account, is submitted which practice is not followed by any other Government Department. I have never heard of the stock accounts of a commercial organisation being audited by any outside agency.

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MR. K. A. MATHEW: Does the member thereby mean that the Government have no connection with the Department?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I should think the position is obvious.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the member understand that it is not so obvious because Government have started the Department and Government have control over the Department?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: On a point of order, Sir. I must submit to the Chair that there was such an amount of latitude in putting supplementary questions on former occasions that rulings have been given that supplementary questions should be relevant specifically to the point raised in the question and secondly not more than one or two supplementary question should be allowed. Instead of that it has become a regular debating society here.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: On a point of order, Sir. Is it the duty of the honourable member to show that it is relevant, or of the President to show so.

PRESIDENT: It is the duty of the Advocate General to point out to the President whether it is relevant or not. As a matter of fact it is the duty of every honourable member whenever a question is irrelevant to bring the matter to the notice of the Chair, because the Chair might have noticed or might not have noticed it.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the verification report made by the Department be made available to the house.

PRESIDENT: That question does not arise.

Obviously the question that has been put is this. Whether any verification has been undertaken by Government of the accounts of the State Transport Department? The State Transport Department is a Government Department which is run on commercial lines. To this question the answer would be "no". Stock verification is done by the department annually.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May we take it that the reply of the Director is not correct?

PRESIDENT: It is absolutely correct, because it is a commercial Department, and what I understand the Director of Transport to say is that no commercial department would have this stock verification done by a Government Department other than the Transport Department.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Now that it is a Government Department, is it not necessary that there should be stock verification done by Government.

Bonus to the employees of the State Transport Department.

148. * MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount sanctioned by Government as bonus for distribution to the employees of the State Transport Department;

(*b*) the date of sanction and the date on which it was distributed;

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